## **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, California's Enterprise Zone program was established in **1984** to stimulate business investment in depressed areas of the state and create job opportunities for Californians; and

WHEREAS, according to the findings and declarations of the Enterprise Zone Act, it is in the economic interest of the State to have one strong, combined, and business-friendly incentive program to help attract business and industry to the State, to help retain and-expand existing business and industry within the State; and to create increased job opportunities for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Zones create and retain jobs, and according to the California Association of Enterprise Zones, in 2010, more than 118,000 jobs were created while California experienced unprecedented levels of unemployment; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Zones attract businesses to California and retains them, and once a zone is approved, businesses construct facilities, purchase equipment, hire workers, and make other investments; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Zones provide a geographically targeted economic development tool designed to improve poor and blighted communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council formally supports the positive benefits of the Enterprise Zone program in local communities and on a statewide economic level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to communicate its support for the Enterprise Zone program and to submit written comment to the State Department of Housing and Community Development on its proposed enterprise zone regulations by 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2013.

Dated: February 20, 2013

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2013-20 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 20, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hansen, Katzakian, Mounce, and

Mayor Nakanishi

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Johnson

ABSTAIN:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

City Clerk